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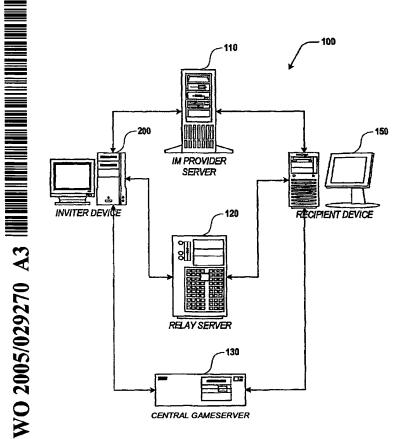
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(57) Abstract: A joint consumption of content invitation management function is described herein. In various embodiments, the invitation management function is adapted to conditionally extends the invitations to a recipient device (150) to join an inviter device (200) to jointly consume content, via IM (110).

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